

HOUSE BILL 2183

By Rich

AN ACT to amend Chapter 254 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 224 of the Private Acts of 1988, and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter for the Town of LaGrange.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 254 of the Acts of 1901, as amended by Chapter 224 of the Private Acts of 1988, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 4 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4

ELECTIONS

Be it further enacted, that beginning on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2016 and every even numbered year thereafter, an election for Mayor and Aldermen shall be held, to be concurrent with the federal and state elections scheduled for those dates. All municipal elections shall be conducted by the Fayette County Election Commission in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Tennessee and this charter. Candidates for the offices of Mayor and Aldermen must be qualified to vote in La Grange municipal elections, must be a current resident, and shall have resided within the corporate limits of the Town of La Grange for a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the scheduled date of the election. Any person residing within the corporate limits of the Town of La Grange, and any person not residing within the corporate limits but who owns and has continuously owned at least five thousand (5,000) square feet of real property within the corporate limits of the Town of La Grange, shall be eligible to vote in town elections provided such person is properly registered in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Tennessee. The Mayor

and Aldermen elected hereunder as herein provided for shall assume office on the first Monday in December following their election.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed as reducing the term of the offices of the current Mayor and Aldermen in the Town of LaGrange. Such persons shall continue to serve in those capacities and retain all powers and responsibilities of the offices until the expiration of the current terms on November 8, 2016, or until such persons vacate office, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the Town of LaGrange. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.